

# TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tennessee State Council Junior Order United American  
Mechanic: Held at Morristown, Tenn. May 13-14, 1919  
250 Officers and Representatives Present

## Officers Elected

W. B. Ellis	Knoxville.	State Councilor
H. A. Fancher	Newport,	State Vice Councilor
D. H. Barker	Chattanooga,	State Secretary
Geo. M. Trotter	Knoxville,	State Treasurer
J. E. Lawrence	Nashville,	State Warden
W. B. Crenshaw	Wartburg,	State Conductor
J. M. Pinkston	Bulls Gap,	Inside Sentinel
J. J. Goan	Morristown.	Outside Sentinel
Rev. D. A. Webb	Jacksboro,	State Chaplain

## National Representatives

H. M. Rankin, Dondridge W. M. Sherrill Chattanooga  
H. T. Burn, Niota J. H. Donaldson, Knoxville

## Trustees

H. O. Hartman, Nashville R. C. Taylor, Knoxville  
H. C. Hines, Lenoir City

Place of Meeting Nashville, May 11-12, 1920



W. B. Ellis, Knoxville. State Councilor

The 25th annual convention of the Tennessee State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, was held in Morristown, Tenn., Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13 and 14, 1919, in the Strand Theatre.

## PUBLIC EXERCISES.

The public exercises were called to order at 11 o'clock by Past State Councilor, H. M. Rankin, and Dr. T. J. Eskridge, offered the invocation. Judge W. N. Hickey, in the absence of Mayor Donaldson, delivered the address of welcome, and paid a tribute to the Junior Order, the American flag and the Holy Bible, the chief emblem of the Jr. O. U. A. M. the objects of the order and the ends it has attained. He stated he did not know of any other order that stands so steadfast and unflinchingly for American principles, well equipped to meet conditions of today, an antithesis of anarchy, a foe to lawlessness, and a weapon sent by Providence to meet present conditions.

Hon. Charles S. Stephens, welcomed the visitors to the city, on behalf of Morristown council. He said he is in sympathy with the objects of the Order and was a member of Morristown council. He referred to the policy of the Order in furthering the cause of education, the American flag on every school house, the teaching of patriotism, and the restriction of immigration. On behalf of the Morristown council and the citizens of Morristown, he cordially welcomed the State Council to the city.

Past State Councilor H. M. Rankin, spoke of the hospitality of Morristown citizens, generally, and formally acknowledged the welcome. He contrasted the conditions that existed in the order a year ago when the

State Council met in Chattanooga, with those of today, and paid tribute to Messrs. Luther, Barker, Ford and other members of the State Council, and especially to State Councilor E. O. Luther, who as a member of the last General Assembly of Tennessee introduced and had passed in that body, a bill requiring a flag to be placed on every school house in this state, so that patriotic principles may be inculcated into the children of Tennessee in their early age.

He introduced National Representative Thomas J. Cline, of Knoxville, who responded to the addresses of welcome on behalf of the State Council.

He referred to the history of Tennessee, in the past, and how this State went over the top in everything, including the recent drive for new members.

The Order in Tennessee has withstood the ravages of the great war and the epidemic of influenza. That there was no caste in the Junior Order and that next to the church, it was doing more than any other agency to make the world safe for humanity.

Capt. Jesse S. Cottrell, Past State Councilor, lately returned from France, spoke of the Junior Order as the reserve army of the great military army. He regarded the Junior Order as a voice crying in the wilderness of the principles that has caused thrones to totter, kings to abdicate, and autocracy to vanish from the face of the earth.

Upon behalf of State Secretary D. H. Barker, Fred Rosenblatt of Greeneville, National Representative, presented portraits, nicely framed, to Past State Councilors Jesse S. Cottrell and D. E. Jones, of Springfield.



D. H. Barker, Chattanooga, State Secretary

## EXECUTIVE SESSION.

State Councilor E. O. Luther, then called the 25th annual convention to order at 11 o'clock a. m., prayer being offered by State Chaplain D. A. Webb. The committee on credentials reported 250 officials and representatives entitled to seats. The new representatives were admitted, obligated and seated.

Committees on resolutions, press and memorials were appointed.

The report of the Officers were then read and referred to proper committees.

The State Councilor and State Vice Councilor reported the Order in Tennessee in good condition as the past year had been one of progress, and success, resulting in a gratifying increase in the membership and financial condition.

The State Secretary reported an increase in membership, showing 27,067 members in good standing, a net gain in membership for the year of 6,378.

Receipts for the year were per capita tax, \$14,847.36; Orphans' Home tax, \$19,988.21; Charter fees, \$175.00; Sale of supplies, \$401.60; total, \$35,412.17.

The financial condition of the State Council: On hand May 1, 1918, \$11,572.77; Receipts of Secretary's office, \$35,412.17; Interest on deposits \$310.61; total, \$47,295.55. Disbursements as per vouchers, \$33,491.84; Balance in hands of State Treasurer May 1, 1919, \$13,803.71.

**SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.**  
Receipts for the year \$165,750.00; paid out for benefits and relief, \$122,419.85; Invested in real estate, \$69,594.20; cash balance on hand, \$43,311.80.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORTS.**  
Membership March 31, 1918, 20,689; Initiated and instituted 7,458; Reinstated 847; By Cards 577; Total received during year 8,882; Total 29,571; Suspended, 1,666; expelled 16; withdrawn 183; deceased, 251; Councils not reporting, 388; Loss in membership during year 2,504.

Total membership March 31, 1919, 27,067; Active and contributing members 26,653; Honorary members, 414; Net gain in membership 6,378.

**COUNCILS IN THE STATE.**  
Councils on roster last report 218; Instituted during year 7; Councils not reporting 8; Consolidated 2; Councils in good standing March 31, 1919, 215.



H. A. Fancher, Newport, State Vice Councilor

## NEW COUNCILS ORGANIZED.

No. 84, Alcoa, by E. O. Luther; 86 Caryville, by W. A. Roberts; 91, Wilson, by John Morgan; 78, Coalmont, by Gus Hargis; 98, Knoxville, (Burlington) by W. B. Ellis; 108, Slide, by N. F. Phillips; 114, Russellville, by L. F. Cline.

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The State Treasurer reported, Balance on hand May 1918, \$11,572.77. Received from State Secretary \$35,412.17; Interest \$310.61; Total Receipts \$47,295.55; Paid out on vouchers \$33,491.84; Balance on hand May 1919, \$13,803.71.

## TENNESSEE COTTAGE FUND.

Balance on hand May, 1918, \$1,915.35; Received from State Secretary \$2,464.00; Interest, \$130.70; Total on hand May 1919, \$4,510.05.

The afternoon and night sessions of the first day were devoted to the reports submitted and their reference to committees, nominations for

officers and consideration of the new Constitution and By-Laws.

**Second day Wednesday, May 14th**

Called to order at 9 a. m. by State Councilor E. O. Luther, and after prayer by State Chaplain D. A. Webb and singing of America by the entire body the regular order of business was taken up.

At the second day's sessions among the resolutions adopted were one to provide for an organizer which was referred to the incoming State Board of Officers, increasing the per diem to \$5.00 per day, and mileage to 7 cents per mile, etc.

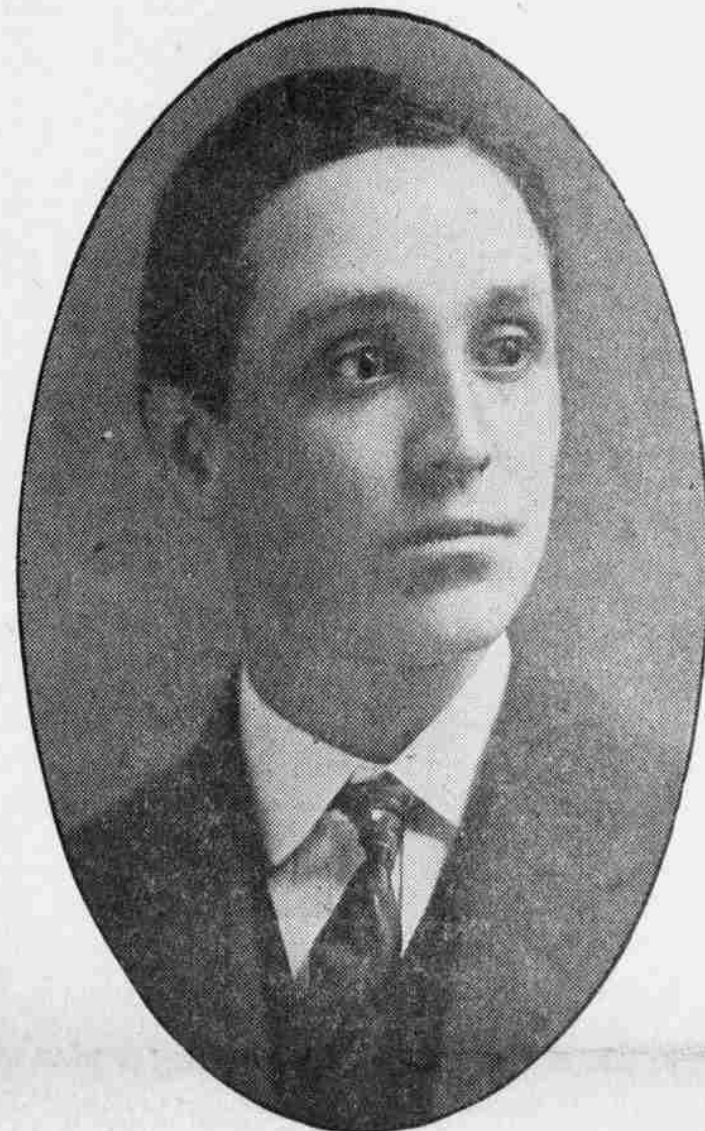
When the State Council convened on the second day it was announced that Congressman John L. Burnette, of Alabama, had died the night previous in Washington, D. C., and the following resolutions were adopted, embracing also reference to the death of late Congressman R. W. Austin, of Tennessee:



# MASS MEETING

## BIJOU THETARE

Sunday, May 18, 3 p. m.  
ALL FRATERNAL MEN  
ARE INVITED



E. O. Luther, Madisonville, Jr. P. State Councilor

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Whereas, This State Council has heard with deep sorrow of the recent death of Congressman R. W. Austin, of Tennessee, and John L. Burnette, of Alabama, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the State Council of Tennessee Jr. O. U. A. M., That the 25th annual convention of the State of two of our most distinguished southern members in the recent death of Congressman R. W. Austin, of Tennessee, which occurred at Washington, D. C., April 20, 1919, and of Congressman John L. Burnette, of Alabama, which occurred at Washington, D. C., May 13, 1919;

Resolved, That to these men, both members of our Order, does our Order and our Nation as a whole, owe a never ending debt of gratitude, for the presence on our Federal statute books, of restrictive immigration measures, that are effective, and we further express our appreciation of their steadfast loyalty and devotion to the principles of our Order, during their entire congressional career, and be it,

Resolved, That a page of our proceedings be devoted to the memory of each of them, and that copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the families of the deceased.

A. B. Adams, Thos. J. Cline, Geo. W. Ford, Joe N. Edens, Committee.

Adopted May 14, 1919.  
The election of officers resulted as shown above.

The new constitution and by-laws after being acted upon seriatim, were adopted as a whole, and the State Board of Officers were instructed to submit them to the National Law Committee for their approval, before going into effect.

A telegram was read from National Secretary Martin M. Woods, congratulating the State Council on the good work accomplished in Tennessee, the fine increase in membership, and the prompt payment of per capita and Orphans' Home Tax.

James L. Wilcox, of Washington, D. C., Deputy National Councilor for Tennessee, attended the sessions, and delivered an able address on the objects and principles of the Order and gave a glowing account of the condition of the Order in all parts of the United States.

Among the speakers who addressed the State Council was John R. Nelson of Bulls Gap. He referred to the National Jr. O. U. A. M. orphans' home at Tiffin, Ohio, where he said over 300 orphaned children are housed, fed and educated, 75 of them being from Tennessee.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the citizens of Morristown for their kind hospitality, and the State Council adjourned to meet in Nashville, the second Tuesday in May, 1920.



J. B. Butcher, Knoxville, National Representative



George M. Trotter, Knoxville, State Treasurer



T. J. Cline, Knoxville, National Representative